

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's undersigned attorney during the interview conducted May 18, 2006. During the Interview, the existing rejections of the claims were discussed.

In addition to the Remarks accompanying the Preliminary Amendment And Request For Interview dated April 27, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that these Supplemental Remarks be considered by the Examiner. As featured in Claim 6, a print control apparatus comprises a generation unit that reads the data to be output by the spool file manager and generates the print data to be interpreted by a printing apparatus. The generation unit generates the print data described in a page description language with the number of copies which has been changed into 1 for a test print. Then, the generation unit reads data saved in a spooler and generates the print data which is described in the page description language after the print data for the test print has been transmitted to the printing apparatus.

Accordingly, as the print control apparatus of Claim 6 generates the print data described in the page description language, the print control apparatus realizes the test printing without dependence on a particular type of printer or type of printing engine.

In contrast, Shima discloses a printer which generates intermediate print information from received print information then generates bitmap data upon beginning of printing. However, Shima fails to disclose that the printer generates the print data described in the page description language.

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Moreover, as disclosed by Shima, a controller for the printer generates the bitmap data depending on a type of printer engine used by the printer. Because of this, the controller for the printer is exclusive to that printer. Accordingly, a controller for the printer of Shima cannot generate bitmap data adapted to any other printer engine.

Therefore, the print control apparatus of Claim 6 differs from Shima because the print control apparatus comprises the generation unit which is not disclosed or suggested in Shima.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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